by the Employees Provident Fund authorities under Sections 406 and 409 of the Indian Penal Code for non-payment of the provident fund contribution.

Pakistani illegal settlers in Rajasthan

1053. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked for a report from the Rajasthan Government regarding Pakistani illegal 'settlers' in the Indira Gandhi Canal area; and

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof and what follow-up action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Rajasthan, it is not correct that Pak infiltrators are settling along Indira Gandhi Canal area.

Constitution of a National Commission on Rural Labour

1054. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister in his Budget speech had announced the constitution of a National Commission on Rural Labour; if so, what are its terms of reference, targets fixed and Statewise Progress made so far in this regard; and

(b) in what way it has helped or will help the working conditions of the agricultural and non-agricultural labour in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister has in his Budget Speech, announced that the Government would appoint a National Commission on Rural Labour.

Although much of the preliminary work is in hand, the Commission and its terms of reference have not so far been notified and the Commission has not yet started functioning.

Relief Mission to Sri Lanka

1055. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the circumstances that impelled India to send a convoy of boats with essential relief supplies to Sri Lanka on 3rd July, 1987; and

(b) what were the factors responsible for the failure of the relief mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The great hardship caused to the people in the Jaffna Peninsula by the economic and communications blockade imposed from January, 1987, and the major military operations, launched from the 26th May, 1987.

(b) While the Government of Sri Lanka did not permit the convoy of boats to enter Sri Lankan waters on the 3rd June, 1987, the relief mission was successfully executed by air-dropping supplies over the Jaffna Peninsula on the following day.